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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed October 26, 2006, and further to applicant's Amendment submitted October 2, 2006, and in view of the accompanying RCE (Request for Continued Examination) filed on even date herewith, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims beginning on page 2. Claims 4 and 18 stand canceled. Claims 1, 12, 19, 20, 22 have been amended. The Amendment leaves claims 1-3, 5-17, 19-22 pending.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.